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Director Ron Jones Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

> Re: Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review Order (Nine-Month Proceeding)- Switching

Docket No. 03-00491

Dear Director Jones:

In response to your request, acting as hearing officer, made at the October 21, 2003 Status Conference in the above case, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. (Sprint-United) states that it does not intend to challenge the Federal Communications Commission's finding regarding impairment without access to unbundled local circuit switching in any of Sprint-United's operating territory during the initial nine month process.

Sprint-United acknowledges under the FCC rules Sprint-United is required to continue to offer mass market unbundled local circuit switching until there is an affirmative finding of non-impairment in a geographic market composed of Sprint-United's ILEC exchanges. Therefore, to the extent this proceeding is to examine whether Sprint-United should continue to offer unbundled local switching to CLECs serving the mass market, further examination is now unnecessary and the issuance of, and response to, discovery related to Sprint-United's mass market local switching would be an unproductive use of the resources of the TRA and the participating parties.

Should you or any parties to this proceeding have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

James B. Wright

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Chairman Debroah Taylor Tate, Chairman (14 copies)
Interested Parties

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 03-00491 Mass Market Switching

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